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SUBJ: UNCTAD TDB XIV: SESSIONAL COMMITTEE DEBATE ON COMMODITY  
ISSUES AND G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION ON COMMODITIES

REF: GENEVA 5586

1. SUMMARY SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I DEBATE ON COMMODITY  
ISSUES CONCLUDED SEPTEMBER 4. ALL GROUP B AND SEVERAL  
G-77 STATEMENTS INDICATED THAT INDEPTH EXAMINATION OF  
INTEGRATED PROGRAM AND INDEXATION PRECLUDED BY LATE  
DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTATION. G-77 PRESENTED DRAFT  
RESOLUTION LATE SEPTEMBER 4.

2. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I CONCLUDED DEBATE (20 SPEECHES)  
ON ALL COMMODITY ISSUES EXCEPT SEABEDS (SEABED DEBATE  
TO BE SENT SEPTTEL). MOST STATEMENTS ADDRESSED ONLY  
INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS, PROPOSED INTEGRATED COMMODITY  
PROGRAM, INDEXATION AND STRENGTHENING UNCTAD.

3. GROUP B DELS INDICATED IN DEPTH EXAMINATION OF  
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INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM AND INDEXATION NOT POSSIBLE  
DUE TO LATE DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION, BUT PRELIMINARY VIEWS

FOCUSED ON SERIOUS PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF INTEGRATED APPROACH AND INDEXATION AS WELL AS THEIR SEVERE LIMITATIONS IN SOLVING LDC PROBLEMS. MOST REQUESTED ELABORATION ON SECGEN PROPOSALS AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES. GROUP B DELEGATES ALSO REPEATED VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PLENARY THAT INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS CLARIFIED PROBLEMS OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AND NECESSITY OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CONSUMER INTEREST IN ANY COMMODITY APPROACH.

4. LDCS TOOK PREDICTABLE LINE OF ENDORSING SECGEN'S PROPOSED INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM, THE REPORT AND FINDINGS ON INDEXATION AND STRENGTHENING UNCTAD. MOST LDCS CALLED FOR URGENT ACTION ON COMMODITY PROPOSALS. ARGENTINA STATEMENT MORE MODERATE WITH WARNING THAT INTEGRATED APPROACH MAY "BECOME PARALYZED FOR THOSE REASONS HIGHLIGHTED IN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS, I. E., PROBLEMS ARE DIFFERENT FOR PARTICULAR COMMODITIES AND WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION HAS DIFFERING EFFECTS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES. ARGENTINE DELEGATE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT GLOBAL APPROACH MIGHT NOT RESULT IN INCREASED LDC EARNINGS UNLESS COMPLEMENTED BY MEASURES IN OTHER ECONOMIC SECTORS..

5. MOST OF G-77 RESOLUTION SENT REFTEL UNACCEPTABLE BUT US DELEGATE BELIEVES THAT G-77 DESIRE TO HAVE ADOPTED SOME RESOLUTION ON COMMODITIES GREAT ENOUGH TO PERMIT NEGOTIATION. GROUP B CAUCUS CONSIDERED COMMODITY RESOLUTION LATE SEPT 6 AND CONTACT GROUP EXPECTED TO BEGIN WORK ON REF SEPT 7.

6. ITEM 12(F) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD AND TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES DEFERRED UNTIL SPRING BOARD SESSION.  
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